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FOIA Case: 100869A  
2 April 2019

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Dear Michael Best:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 21 February 2017, which was received by this office on 21 February 2017, for "...the following records: Correspondence (emails, memos, letters, notes, etc.) to or from the Director's office in which any of the following items appear in the subject or header: Flynn; Trump; Russia; Russian; Hacking; Hacked; Election; DNC; RNC; Clinton; Page; Manafort; Putin; FSB; Guccifer. Please search communications sent, received or draft since January 1, 2016." As previously provided, your request has been assigned Case Number 100869. There is certain information relating to this processing about which the FOIA and applicable Department of Defense (DoD) and NSA/CSS regulations require we inform you.

There are no assessable fees for this request; therefore, we did not address your fee category or request for a fee waiver.

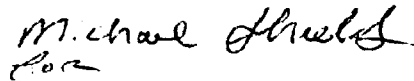
We have completed our search for records responsive to your request. The material responsive to your request requires review prior to release. Since your request is not a simple request, it has been placed in the first-in, first-out processing backlog queue. Because there are a significant number of cases ahead of yours in the queue, however, we are unable to respond to your request within 20 days. We appreciate your patience with our efforts to treat all requesters fairly by responding to each on a "first-in, first-out" basis.

Correspondence related to your request should include the case number assigned to your request, which is included in the first paragraph of this letter. Your letter should be addressed to National Security Agency, FOIA Office (P132), 9800 Savage Road STE 6932, Ft. George G. Meade, MD 20755-6932 or may be sent by facsimile to 443-479-3612. If sent by fax, it should be marked for the attention of the FOIA office. The telephone number of the FOIA office is 301-688-6527.

You may also contact our FOIA Public Liaison at [foialo@nsa.gov](mailto:foialo@nsa.gov) for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services  
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Shields" with a stylized flourish underneath.

JOHN R. CHAPMAN  
Chief  
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NSA Initial Denial Authority